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- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	3-8
	No:	Claims	1,2,9,10
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	-
	No:	Claims	1-11
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-11
	No:	Claims	-

2. Citations and explanations

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Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US5,854,618
D2: US2002/0075251 A1
D3: JP2002218343

2. Independent claims.

2.1. Novelty.

The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claims 1 and 10 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.

The document D1 discloses (the references in parentheses applying to this document):

Claim 1.

A display product (see col.1/ lines 6-10) including:

- ▶ **a display** (display screen 18 of fig.1);
- ▶ **processing means for receiving one or more image signals and presenting the images on the display** (receiving and decoding section 10 of fig.1+ col.3/lines 1-5); and
- ▶ **controlling means** (control unit 13 of fig.1) **for selectively switching operation of the display product between at least a first display product mode of operation during which images are presented on the display and a second night-light mode of operation during which the display product is operable to function at reduced power to provide night-light illumination from the display** (see col.2/lines 21-33 & 58-67: switch between the operating mode and the standby mode. The standby mode implicitly provides a night-light illumination).

Claim 10.

The subject-matter of claim 10 corresponds in method steps to the subject-matter of claim 1.

Therefore, the objections raised for claim 1 also apply for claim 10.

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The subject-matter of claim 10 is therefore known from D1.

2.2. Inventive step.

The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 11 does not involve an inventive step in the sense of Article 33(3) PCT.

The document D1 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 11.

Claim 11.

Implementing a software in the control unit 13 of the display apparatus disclosed in D1 is a mere possibility from which the skilled person would choose, according to circumstances, for generating the decision of selecting either the normal operation mode or the standby mode, without exercise of inventive skill.

3. Dependent claims.

Dependent claims 2-9 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step.

Claim 2 (known from D1).

See fig.1 + col.2/lines 21-33 & 58-67 of D1: during the standby mode, the decoding and receiving section 10 is made substantially inactive (implicitly done by the control unit 13).

Claim 3 (not inventive).

Starting from D1, when confronted with the problem of displaying any data requesting a regular refreshment, the skilled person would, according to circumstances, adapt the apparatus of D1 to make it able to receive intermittent data during the standby mode, without exercise of inventive skill.

Claim 4 (not inventive).

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Starting from D1, reducing the image display frequency is a known solution when confronted with the problem of saving power in a display device.

As an illustration, D2 discloses a mere example of this technique (see paragraph 40).

Claims 5 and 8 (not inventive).

Starting from D1, when confronted with the problem of designing the decision block selecting either the normal operation mode or the standby mode, the skilled person would, according to circumstances, base this decision upon the output value of a sensor sensing any environmental characteristics, without exercise of inventive skill.

As an illustration, by sensing or not the presence of a user (motion sensor), the display device of D3 is switched in the normal display state or in the standby mode, respectively. Similar to this reasoning, the skilled person would implement, according to circumstances, a motion sensor in the display apparatus of D1 to detect any intrusion, without exercise of inventive skill.

Claim 6 (not inventive).

Consuming, during the standby mode, an order of magnitude less power than in the normal operation mode is a realistic result that can be achieved by the apparatus disclosed in D1.

Claim 7 (not inventive).

A display comprising a backlight unit is a mere possibility from which the skilled person would choose, according to circumstances, when confronted with the problem of implementing the display screen 18 of D1, without exercise of inventive skill.

Claim 9 (known from D1).

See fig.2 + col.3/lines 6-48 of D1: during the standby mode, the characteristics of the sound generated by the user will directly impact the content of the displayed image.

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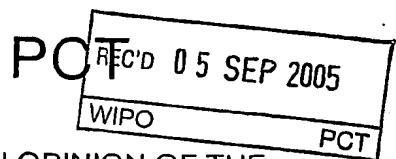
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